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PEOPLE THINK CORRIGIN IS ON UFO CROSSROADS.

"Daily News", Perth, W.A. 30/5/1969.

Many people at Corrigin, 145 miles from Perth, think the town is on the crossroads of UFO tracks. One woman resident says that about 200 unidentified flying objects have been sighted within an 80-mile radius of the town in the past 18 months.

The more dedicated UFO watchers keep detailed maps of recorded sightings which, they say, support the crossroads theory. Others have seen so many that they have become quite blasé.

There are a few people in Corrigin who don't like to talk openly about UFOs because of fear of humiliation, but they are definitely in the minority.

"At first ridicule and ragging greeted those who talked of having seen strange objects", said farmer's wife Mrs. Yvonne Winnett. "But when so many sightings are made you simply can't ignore them".

Mrs. Winnett herself has never seen a UFO, but she has spent five years studying the subject and has countless files and books. She said: "Even if only one per cent of the objects cannot be identified, surely it's still worth investigating". "I think it's terribly conceited of us to think we're the only ones around". "It was back in the dark ages that we were taught we were the centre of the universe. Surely we've progressed enough to do away with this theory".

On the technical side, Mrs. Winnett said: "All reported UFOs have been travelling from east to west. Our own satellites go in the opposite direction". "There seems to be a definite pattern of changing color - red, green, white, sometimes blue".

The bulk of the UFO stories come from solid farmers. Seeding and ploughing time at Corrigin - when farmers start up their tractors at 4 a.m. - are the main UFO sighting times.

Ray Smith has seen two UFOs from his tractor in the early hours. "After Easter last year on a ghostly, eerie morning I looked up to see a big flashing red light hovering over one spot", he said. "I thought I was going 'bonkers' at first because I could see it wasn't a plane". "In the army we were told not to watch an object but to watch around it. That way you could be sure if it was stationary or mobile". "The light was stationary, then suddenly it started fading into a pinhead and coming back again. It repeated this process for some time and then disappeared".

"Last week, within two miles of the spot, I was ploughing again and about 3.50 a.m. the same thing happened".

Mr. Smith's neighbour, Alan McAndrew, said that one morning while he was out ploughing everything around him suddenly turned blood red. He shook his head and blinked his eyes thinking something had gone wrong with his vision. but, when he looked again, the tractor and the ground around him was still illuminated like a bright red neon sign.

For a moment the red light blinked on and off and then disappeared as suddenly as it had come. Said Mr. Smith: "We're going to the moon. Why the hell can't they come here?". "If these UFOs are manned they probably won't make contact for some time. They would probably be afraid until they were sure we would accept them". "I don't blame them. We're a war-like nation still".

Housewife Mrs. Shirley Madgen (19) still has nightmares about the night she suddenly awakened from a deep sleep and saw a silvery, cigar-

shaped object hovering around the trees outside her house. "I was out on the verandah where I always sleep on hot nights", she said. "The object changed to green and then went into a big circle of red".

Corrigin spare parts manager Richard Kuczma (24) treats his two encounters with UFOs as a bit of a laugh. "What else can you do?", he said. "One object was hovering fairly close to the surface of a lake while I was out shooting. I pumped a few shots into it, but they had no effect and it moved away". "When you tell some of the locals these stories they laugh at you and say there must have been something at the bottom of the bottle". "So I just laugh with them!!"

Most avid UFO watchers in the Corrigin District are Mrs. Daphne Krygger, her husband Ron and their four children. "Nearly every clear, hot night we sit outside on the verandah and watch the sky," said Mrs. Krygger. "I've seen anything up to 11 moving objects in one night." "I am convinced that most of them are manned capsules from other planets and that we'll have contact with them eventually."

Farmer Ken Tipton said: "I don't really believe in UFOs but the other morning, when I was out on my tractor, a flashing red and green object hovered over me." "At first I thought it might be a helicopter but there was no noise coming from it that sounded remotely like an aircraft engine."

Engine driver Carl Kirk said that while working at night he had often seen strange lights flashing in the sky.

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We are indebted to Mrs. A. W. Hunt of Albany, W.A. for the following report of 1910. As a matter of interest, Mrs. Hunt found an old copy of the 'West Australian' when taking up linoleum from the floor of a very old office in Albany, preparatory to its being renovated. This interesting UFO encounter of 59 years ago follows:-

MYSTERIOUS LIGHTS AT SEA. SEA-CAPTAIN PUZZLED.
Adelaide, August 3.

"West Australian", Perth, W.A. (during 1910)

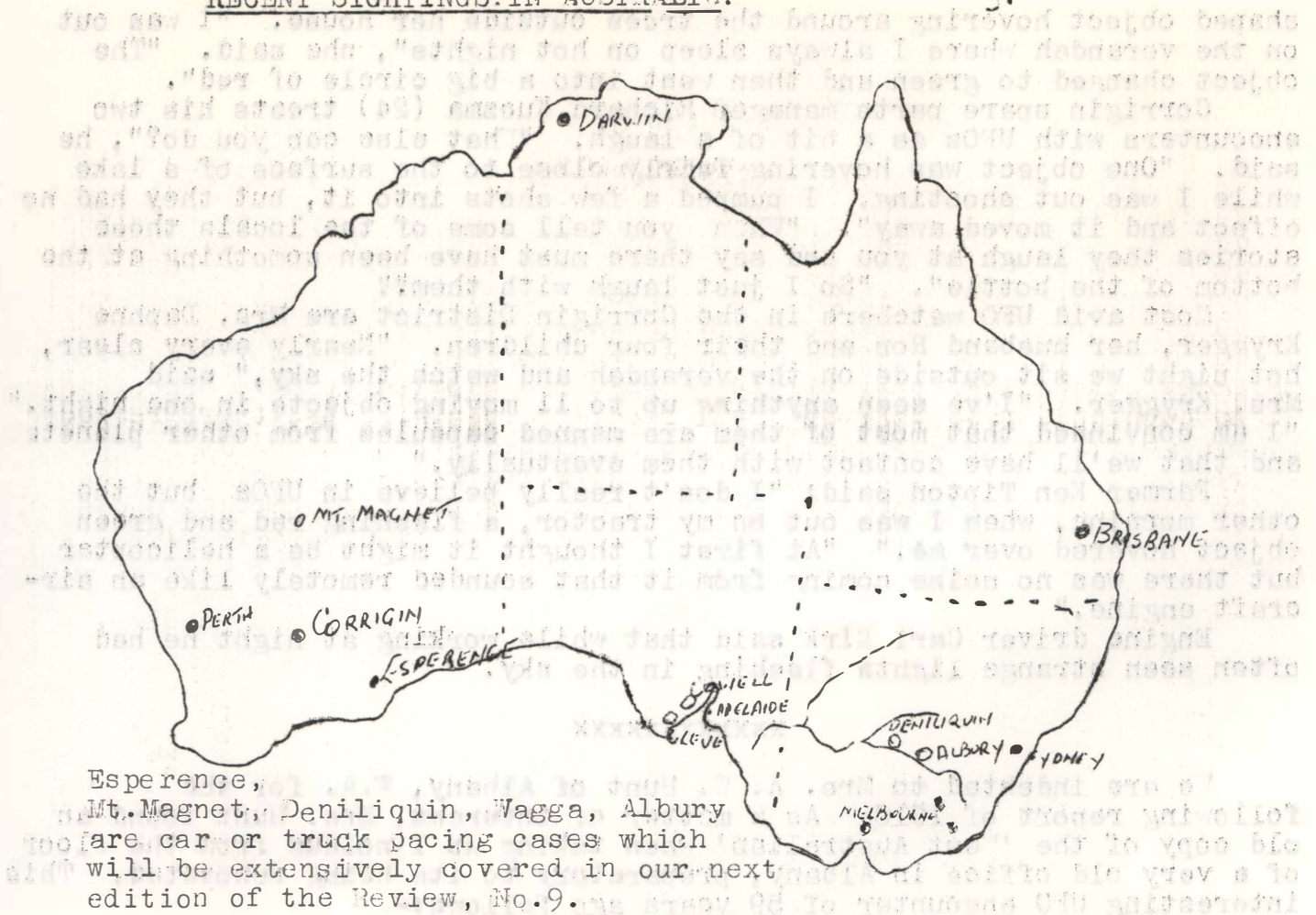
Captain Nelsson of the coastal steamer Wookata, Second Engineer S. Arnold and Helmsman G. Rudd are at a complete loss to explain the meaning of curious lights which they witnessed when the vessel was passing Althorp Island on her way to Port Adelaide early the other morning. Bright lights "as distinct as the masthead lights of a steamer but high up in the air," were observed by the trio, and the strange thing was that they circled around the Wookata in a tantalising way.

"It was about 1 o'clock," said Captain Nelsson today, "that the man at the wheel remarked, 'Do you see these lights flying about?' My reply was, 'Yes, there are a great many more lights about than I have ever seen here.' Just then I saw a mysterious light off Cape Spencer, which disappeared as suddenly as it came into view. Presently, the helmsman said, 'It is strange, but I have seen lights on the port bow, then right ahead, and then on the starboard side.' I stepped inside the wheelhouse, and on coming out again saw two lights just over the starboard bow no distance away, but high up. They seemed to pass us. They were as bright as our masthead lights, and as far as I could judge were from 200 to 300 yards distant. They were not a steamer's light. They were not high in the air. The lights appeared to be 10 yards apart, one a little above the other. I could not make it out. I said to the man at the wheel, 'Did you see them?' He answered, 'Yes, they are like German airships flying about.' I did not know what to think. I feel sure I saw something unusual - something which in my 45 years' experience of the sea I have never observed before."

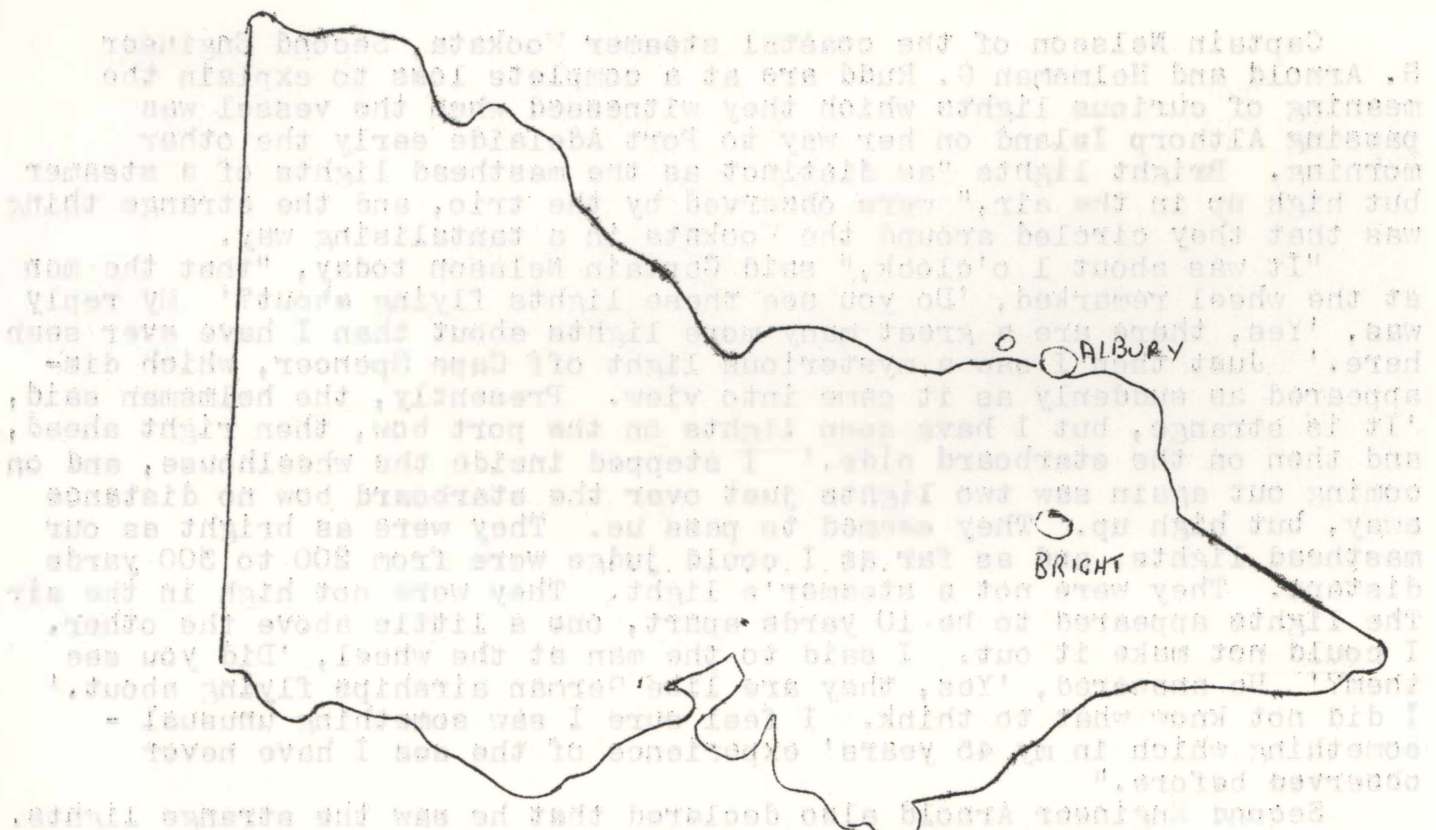
Second Engineer Arnold also declared that he saw the strange lights.

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RECENT SIGHTINGS IN AUSTRALIA.



SIGHTINGS IN VICTORIA.



BEST SIGHTINGS FOR 1968.

January 12th, 1968. Time 12.30 a.m. Chadstone. Victoria.

An object travelling from west to south was first observed as it flashed past the kitchen. The witness then ran out onto her porch, which overlooked a power station. The large red flashing ball of light moving at about the speed of a piston-aircraft, and about 100 feet up. On reaching the boundary of the power station, the object slowed down and started to move up and down, like a ping-pong ball floating on air. As it progressed across the power station, flashes of light beamed out as it rolled over and over. When the object reached the opposite boundary of the power station, it increased in speed, moving away from the witness then returned before finally disappearing vertically upwards.

The witness suffered from an ear bleed plus pins and needles in her tongue.

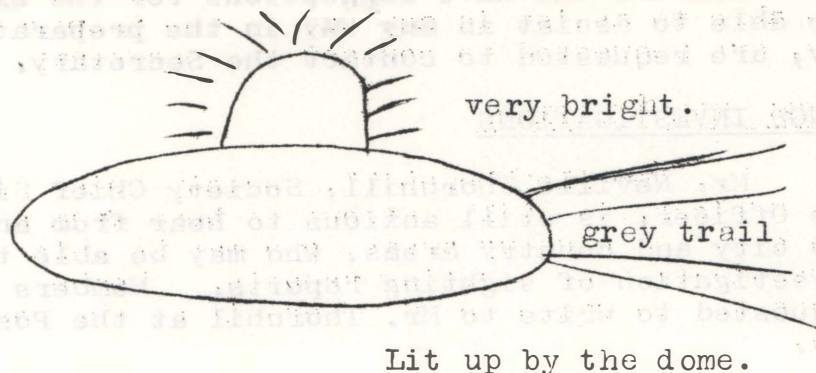
The R.A.A.F. also investigated the sighting.

March 11th, 1968. Time 1.30 a.m.

A cigar-shaped object with a brightly lit dome seen low in the sky from Wells Road, Mordialloc, was moving very slowly, almost hovering and leaving a grey trail.

The size of the object was as large as a 5¢ piece held at arms length.

After about 15 minutes of slow-cruising across Mordialloc, it turned and disappeared at a tremendous speed, leaving the grey trail which was visible 10 minutes later from Parkdale.



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Other sightings.

At 6 p.m. on Thursday 11th April, '68, over the western side of Gisborne, two red lights were flashing in an irregular rhythm, and moving very slowly in a circular pattern towards the west, when suddenly the two lights increased speed for a short period, then sped off in a straight line towards the north, before disappearing.

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RECENT SIGHTINGS

Recent weeks have seen reports of sightings from many parts of Australia, particularly southern New South Wales and Northern Victoria.

The U.F.O. wave which has been concentrating over wide areas of Western Australia during a period of at least two years, appears to be continuing and the Society is at present awaiting details of the more recent sightings being investigated by its Western Australian representative, Dr. Paul Zeck.

Full particulars of sighting reports and investigations will be given in the next issue of "Australian Flying Saucer Review".

U.F.O. EXHIBITION AND MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Committee is planning a special meeting and exhibition of U.F.O. material for the Society's August General Meeting to be held on Friday August 1st at 7.00 p.m. in the Horticultural Society Hall in Victoria Street Melbourne (near Russell Street).

The exhibition will include photographs, and displays of newspaper clippings, magazines and books, and is timed to coincide with the Apollo Moon landing when interest in space and related subjects should be running high.

The meeting will be advertised and a capacity audience is expected.

The meeting agenda will consist of a lecture with slides, selected tapes and a question and answer panel.

The exhibition will be open before and after the meeting.

Members who have suggestions for the exhibition, or who are able to assist in any way in the preparation of the display, are requested to contact the Secretary.

SIGHTINGS INVESTIGATIONS

Mr. Neville Thornhill, Society Chief Sightings Investigations Officer, is still anxious to hear from any members, both in city and country areas, who may be able to assist with the investigation of sighting reports. Members interested are requested to write to Mr. Thornhill at the Post Office address.

MAGAZINE

The Committee is attempting to distribute copies of "Australian Flying Saucer Review" through Victorian Newsagencies. Members can assist by enquiring from their local newsagency whether they might be interested in carrying a few copies of "the Review" on a "sale or return" basis. Delivery can then be arranged by contacting the Secretary or any Committee Member.

SUB-COMMITTEE

The Support Sub-Committee advises that it has vacancies to co-opt members interested in taking a more active interest in Society affairs. Ladies are particularly needed!